

Provost says ASL usage 'not in conflict'

Provost Harvey Corson told the University Faculty Senate at its Nov. 18 meeting that the recent development by Pre-College Programs to encourage Pre-College faculty, staff, and students to use American Sign Language (ASL) "is not in conflict with the mission of Gallaudet University or its policies."

Dr. Corson said that "increased attention to the ASL component of the Total Communication philosophy is consistent with the policy" adopted by Pre-College Programs in 1978.

The senate had requested at its Oct. 21 meeting that Corson prepare a report answering questions concerning Pre-College's recent emphasis on ASL use in the classroom.

Corson based his report on an analysis of the "operational definition" section of the manual describing Pre-College policy on Total Communication, as well as meetings with Pre-College faculty, staff, and parents groups, 12 Model Secondary School for the Deaf students, and Dr. Michael Deninger, dean of Pre-College Programs.

The policy states that the philosophy of Total Communication as practiced at Pre-College is child-centered, not method-centered; recognizes that "not all modes of communication are effective for all individuals in all situations"; and calls on personnel to select communication modes or combinations of modes "which will be most effective with individual children."

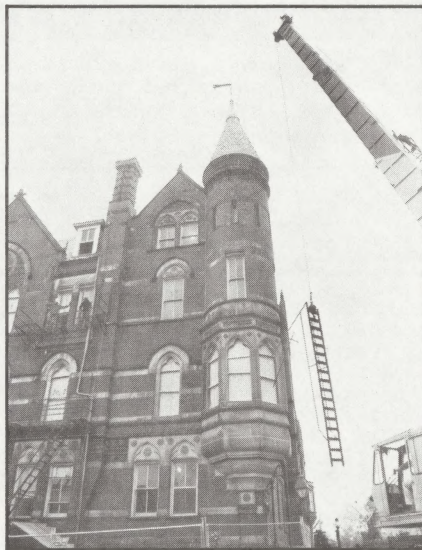
Corson noted that although a section of the manual describes ASL and procedures for its use with students, the sections of the manual describing Sign English and the Simultaneous Communication method have been given the bulk of attention in the classroom and that ASL has not been implemented in any structured way.

He said that the Pre-College Management Team (PCMT) noted in a Feb. 1, 1990, report that the Total Communication policy at Pre-College has permitted faculty and staff to "communicate in a manner with which they are most comfortable but which may not meet the needs of our students."

The PCMT report also said that the majority of Pre-College students need ASL, but many Pre-College faculty and staff are not proficient in ASL and need to improve their skills.

Corson reported that all the groups he met with agreed that Pre-College is "Still adhering to the Total Com-

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A crane removes a fire escape at College Hall during restoration work on the building.

Plan available

Gallaudet's Facilities Master Plan is on reserve in the University Library, the Northwest Campus Library, the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School Learning Resource Center, and the Model Secondary School for the Deaf Learning Resource Center until the end of December for members of the University community who are interested in reviewing campus construction projects that are planned for the next decade.

The master plan, which is required by the District of Columbia's zoning office, lists all construction projects that can take place until the year 2001, when the plan is updated. Factors such as the availability of funding and how pressing the need is for a project determine whether or not it will be undertaken.

SAC election held

Elections were held Nov. 12 to fill vacancies on Gallaudet's Staff Advisory Council (SAC). A total of 287 votes were cast.

The new members elected for the positions, all of which carry two-year terms, are:

- *University*—Eloise Molock, international student advisor, Office of Student Special Services; and Elaine Vance, supervisor, benefits, compensation, and records, Personnel Office.
- *Northwest Campus*—Margery Miller, director, Counseling and Development Center.
- *KDES*—Barbara Hunt, teacher aide, Special Opportunities Program.
- *MSSD*—Catherine "Kitty" Fischer, supervisor, Learning Resource Center.

'Deaf Mosaic' revamped this year; features new logo, set, format, music

After almost seven successful years on the air, the Gallaudet produced television program "Deaf Mosaic" is getting a fresh new look.

Viewers will find that upcoming shows will sport a new logo, set, and music, and alternative formats to its traditional TV news magazine style, said Mary Lou Novitsky, senior producer and director in the Department of Television, Film, and Photography, who produces and hosts the show with co-host Gilbert Eastman.

The next new "Deaf Mosaic" program will follow a "town meeting" style, where a panel of experts discusses timely issues. This first town meeting, "Ages of AIDS," will include panelists Sandra Egan, coordinator of the Whitman Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C.; Elizabeth Aviles, coordinator of Projects of AIDS at DeafPride Inc.; a board member of the National Coalition on Deafness and HIV/AIDS; and a deaf man who has AIDS.

The show will air on WETA on Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day, at 1 p.m. and on The Discovery Channel on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 9 a.m.

The producers plan to tape several other programs this year using this format. Topics being considered include educating deaf students in mainstream public schools vs. educating deaf students in state residential schools for deaf students, how the Americans with Disabilities Act affects deaf people, how to educate deaf students, and changes that have occurred since the Deaf President Now movement. A special on deaf comedians, where the television studio will be set up like a comedy club, will be aired in late December.

Each month the University produces one new 30-minute program that is picked up via satellite

and broadcast by The Discovery Channel and about 100 public broadcasting stations (PBS) throughout the country and overseas, according to Ron Reed, director of television production in the Department of Television, Film, and Photography. Through The Discovery Channel alone, "Deaf Mosaic" is accessible to about 56 million homes throughout the United States, said Reed.

Gallaudet began producing "Deaf Mosaic" in March 1985. "At that time, the television department felt that no broadcast program anywhere was directly addressing the interests and needs of deaf people," said James Dellon, a senior producer and director in TV, Film, and Photography.

"As far as I know, no other college or university has a program broadcast nationally to an audience equal to the size that 'Deaf Mosaic' reaches," said Reed. "To me and the people on campus who are here everyday, 'Deaf Mosaic' is routine, but to people out there it is very exciting." Even in Hawaii and California, where the show airs at 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. respectively, it has a large following of people who set their videocassette recorders to tape it so they can watch it at a more convenient time, said Reed.

In addition to audiences who watch "Deaf Mosaic" for entertainment, the show is used for students learning English as a second language, for deaf clubs, and sign language classes, said Reed.

This large and varied audience is always on the minds of Novitsky and Eastman. "It is very important that 'Deaf Mosaic' serves the people," said Novitsky, who selects topics based on her own experiences in the deaf

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"Deaf Mosaic" producer/host Mary Lou Novitsky on the set with co-host Gilbert Eastman.

Announcements

Open season for federal employees to add or change their health benefits enrollment ends at noon, on Monday, Dec. 9. All open season changes and elections will become effective Jan. 12, 1992. The first payroll deduction will be made from the Feb. 4 paycheck. Automatic coverage will continue for those who do not want changes. Registration forms are available from the Personnel Office in Chapel Hall; KDES, Room 3202; MSSD, Room 204C; Central Utilities Building, Room 300; and the Northwest Campus, Dean's Office. For more information call x5352.

The Aerobics and Fitness Training Institute of the Deaf is selling subscriptions to *Shape* magazine to raise money for scholarships for deaf/hard of hearing aerobics instructor aspirants to attend the International Convention of IDEA, Inc., the Association for Fitness Professionals, in Las Vegas, Nev., in July 1992. Call Gina, x5591, or E-mail GAOLIVA.

'Mosaic' plays to wide audience

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community and from the countless letters she receives from people around the world.

Both Novitsky and Eastman believe one reason the show is popular and successful is because it is accessible to people through a variety of communication methods. The hosts and guests use American Sign Language for deaf audiences; voice-overs are used for hearing viewers; and the show is captioned for deaf people who do not know ASL.

Awards that Novitsky, Eastman, and other staff members have won for "Deaf Mosaic" include 10 local Emmy Awards, four CINE Eagle Awards (the highest award given by the Council on International Nontheatrical Events), and several awards from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Association of Visual Communicators.



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Gallaudet has been awarded a biomedical research support grant from the National Institutes of Health through the Gallaudet Research Institute to facilitate ongoing health-related research. Funding will be awarded after reviewing applications, which must be submitted by Dec. 5. For more information, call x5400.

Clayton Valli, instructor in the Department of Linguistics and Interpreting, will be a presenter for an international interactive teleclass in American Sign Language Dec. 6 from 2-5 p.m., given by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Participants will examine the structure and grammatical principles of ASL and their application to the process of interpreting, sign language, and second-language teaching and translating.

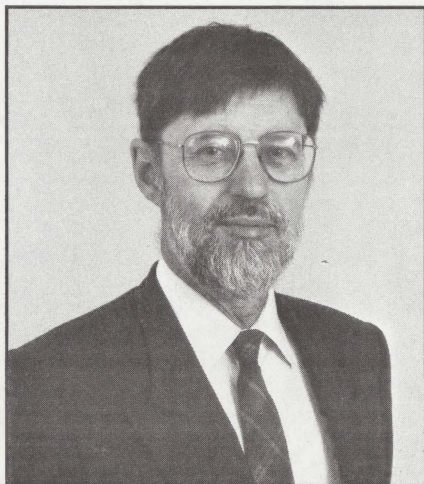
The District of Columbia Association of Deaf Citizens (DCADC) encourages deaf people to attend Public Service Commission hearings on establishing a TDD relay service that will also serve Maryland and Virginia residents. The dates and places are: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6-7 p.m., Duke Ellington School, 3500 R St. NW; Friday, Dec. 13, 10-11 a.m., Gallaudet, Ely Center Auditorium; and Saturday, Dec. 14, 10-11 a.m., District Building, 5th Floor, Council Chambers, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.

Andersson re-elected as WFD president

Gallaudet sociology professor Dr. Yrker Andersson has been elected to his third consecutive term as president of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD).

Andersson, who was re-elected during the eleventh World Congress of the Deaf held last July in Tokyo, Japan, served as WFD vice president from 1975-83 before being elected as president, a post he has maintained ever since.

His goals for the 1991-95 term uphold the commitments made by the WFD delegates at the 1991 world congress, including the recognition of sign language by every WFD member country, leadership training for deaf organizations, and convincing affluent nations to send deaf professionals to underdeveloped countries to establish education programs for deaf people.



Dr. Yrker Andersson



KDES Principal Nancy Shook (second from left) and Primary Instruction Program Supervisor Angela Bednarczyk (right) greet visitors from the Joseph F. Barr Washington Ladies Auxiliary #58 of the Jewish War Veterans. Every year the group donates money to KDES' Preschool Department.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail MGMOORE. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received Dec. 2-6 will be published Dec. 16.

FOR SALE: IBM PC XT w/5.25 360K disk drive, 30MB disk storage, CGA monitor, Okidata 180 9-pin dot matrix printer, PTC (TDD) and 2400 baud modem incl., exc. cond., \$600. Call (301) 585-0056 (V/TDD) leave message.

FOR SALE: Almost new Graco double stroller, \$75. Call Peter, x5033, or E-mail PSFELDMAN.

FOR SALE: Exercise rebounder, like new, \$25; electric train table w/oval track and folding legs, \$30; king-size brass headboard, like new, \$150. Call Sandy (202) 966-0751 (V/TDD), or E-mail RCJOHNSON.

FOR SALE: Bates "Mr. President" king-size 100 percent cotton bedspread, never used, \$60/BO. Call x5090, or E-mail MAPRICE.

FOR SALE: '84 Honda Civic hatchback, AM/FM, good cond., \$2,200. Call Ceil, x5450 or x5084, or E-mail CLUCAS after Dec. 2.

FOR SALE: 16,800 BTU kerosene heater, \$75; 6-ft. unfinished wooden curtain rod w/accessories, \$15; 70 sq. ft. floral wall-

paper, \$10; 30 pcs. new baseboards, \$35; 2 new rolls wall insulation, \$20/both; 300-ft. chain link fence w/accessories, \$300/BO. Call (301) 490-4784 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Oak antiques, buffet, good cond., \$165/BO; dining table w/claw feet, exc. cond., \$175/BO. Call (301) 773-4727 (TDD), or E-mail SKWOOD.

FOR RENT: 2-BR 2-bath condo on slopes at Stratton Mt., Vt., sleeps 6, ski in/out, avail. Christmas-New Years, \$295/night, 6-night min. E-mail MMDANEK.

WANTED: Private tutor in ASL for famous Japanese deaf artist and wife in their home, free meals for one month, airfare NOT incl. Send resumes to Dr. Yrker Andersson in the Sociology Department by Dec. 31.

WANTED: New or used footlockers, trunks, etc. Call Sandi, (301) 731-8780 or E-mail SLATUONAH.

WANTED: Nonsmoking professional/grad. student to share townhouse, room w/bath, no pets, \$350/mo. incl. util., plus telephone. Call (202) 722-5823 (TDD).

FOR RENT: Room in Greenbelt, Md., house with kitchen privileges to professional nonsmoker, avail. Dec. 1, \$290/mo. Call Marybeth, (301) 345-5788 (TDD).

FOR SALE: New 35-min. exercise and sign video for ages 7-10. Send check/money order to "Shape Up 'N Sign," Box 3224, Laurel, MD 20708, or E-mail GAOLIVA.

FOR SALE: Holiday Spa lifetime Gold-B membership, \$1,000/BO, low annual renewal fees. Call (202) 675-8710 (TDD) or E-mail 11RBONDROFF.

FOR SALE: Diamond/sapphire tennis bracelet, appraised \$1,500, sell \$900. Call x5281 or (301) 345-1497 (V/TDD).

SUBLET: BR, kitchen, W/D, TV, etc., avail. Dec. 1 to Jan., \$250. Call John, x3113, or E-mail 11JMULHOLLON.

CLASSES: Machine quilting, finish a quilt top in 8 hrs., instructions/supply list provided before class, \$50; easy cross-stitch folded star ornament, 1 class, \$10. E-mail CASHEVLIN.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

INTERPRETING SUPERVISOR/INTERPRETER III: Gallaudet Interpreting Services

DEAF-BLIND INTERPRETER: Gallaudet Interpreting Services

SUPERVISOR, GIS SCHEDULING: Gallaudet Interpreting Services

STAFF ATTORNEY: National Center for Law and Deafness

TEACHER AIDE: KDES Pre-School

Pre-College ASL usage upheld

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munication policy." The goal of the policy is to develop linguistic and communicative competency in both English and ASL.

Corson acknowledged that participants at some of the Pre-College meetings expressed concern that they were not properly informed about decisions regarding this matter. He said Pre-College constituencies will be involved and informed in a more appropriate manner in the future.

Corson assured the senate that faculty, staff, and students are not punished if they fail to use ASL or if they use voice in the classroom.

Corson also reported that this increased attention to the ASL component of the Total Communication policy will be monitored for research and demonstration purposes; Pre-College policies will continue to comply with P.L. 94-142—The Education of All Handicapped Children Act; English reading and writing skills will still be given priority attention; and speech and auditory training skills will still be considered important.